GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5589
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CGHS UNANI DISPENSARIES
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CGHS Unani Dispensaries/Units opened in Kolkata by Government till date;

(b) the date of opening of each of such Dispensary/Unit;

(c) the sanctioned strength of medical/para medical staff for each of such Dispensary/Unit and staff actually posted;

(d) whether the Government are aware that the Senior Medical Officers posted there are compelled to perform the duties of Pharmacist, Clerk or even sometimes of a peon/sweeper in the absence of non-posting of such staff members by Administration;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): There is only one Unani dispensary in Kolkata and the same was opened in 1991.

(c): Two Unani Physicians, one Pharmacist-cum-Clerk (Unani) and one Nursing Attendant are sanctioned for the Unani Dispensary.

Only one Unani Physician has been working at present as the other post of Unani Physician has been abolished with effect from 1.7.1999. The post of Pharmacist-cum-clerk is lying vacant since the inception of the Unani dispensary in 1991 and the post has lapsed as per the latest instructions issued by the Ministry of Finance.

(d)&(e): In the absence of non-posting of Pharmacist-cum-clerk, the Unani Physician is doing the work related with the Unani Dispensary and one Peon from another dispensary has been provided to assist the Unani Physician.

(f): At present, the Staff Inspection Unit of the Department of Expenditure is conducting a study on the functioning of CGHS dispensaries under the Indian systems of medicine and Homoeopathy. As and when the SIU`s report is received by the Government, action to strengthen the staff position of the CGHS Unani dispensary in Kolkata would be taken depending upon the recommendations contained in the report.